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**VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Sonora Veterans Hall
9 North Washington Street, Second Floor**

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Wednesday, November 4, 2015 Minutes
4. Review Status of Facility Projects for Fiscal Year 15/16
5. Update on Veteran Services Office Activities
6. Update on Veteran Treatment Court Discussion
7. Discussion of other Veterans Issues
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjourn



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**Veterans Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Sonora Veterans Hall**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Supervisor Karl Rodefer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

The group reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting.

4. Public Comment

Aaron Rasmussen from the Tuolumne Hall asked questions regarding the need for the Veterans to have additional liability insurance for people using the hall. Ed Hoag explained that the County owns the building and is self-insured. He asked for some type of document from the County verifying this info. Ed said he would ask the County's risk manager for a letter addressing the information. Aaron also said that the Tuolumne Veterans had an issue with the Big Dream project being located on the Tuolumne Memorial Hall property. He said that they were not involved in the decision to select the site and believe it should be moved across the street. In his opinion the Bid Dream project is a public project and is not a Veterans use or operation.

John Mendiola asked about the possibility of having the piano removed from the Sonora Veterans hall.

4. Review Status of Facility Projects from FY 14/15

Ed Hoag reported on the status of Facilities Projects for this fiscal year. A sheet (see attached) was handed out that detailed the projects for Sonora and Tuolumne Memorial Veterans Halls and the County's Veterans Office. See attached sheet for details.

Sonora- The group had the following comments regarding Sonora Hall:

- Asked what the possibility of having the piano removed from the building. Ed explained that he had a request by one of the Veterans and had been waiting to confirm

with the committee that they wanted the piano moved before moving forward. He also said that he would have it moved as soon as he could get a mover scheduled to do the work.

Tuolumne- The group had the following comments regarding the Tuolumne Hall:

- One of the Tuolumne Veterans brought up the issue of two leaks in the building's roof. One leak is in the ceiling of the basketball court and the second is in the storage. Ed told the group that he would get a roofer out to look at the issue as soon as possible.

5. Update on Veteran Services Office Activities

Michelle McMaster gave the following report:

- The State of California is going to add a Veterans designation the California Driver's License. She explained that they would be continuing to issue Veterans Identifications through the VSO.

- The VSO is going to update their brochure and wanted to get input from the local veterans.

6. Veterans Treatment Court

Supervisor Rodefer updated the group on the treatment court. He said he would be reengaging Maureen Frank when she returned from vacation. He said that Maureen checking on the Prop. 47 will be a moot issue and he hope that they could add a drug treatment court instead.

John Mendiola said that he had gone to Redwood City to their court and reported it works great and we need to get the courts on board.

7. Discussion of Other Veteran Issues

Carl asked Frank Smart for a synopsis of the HPRC meeting. Ed Hoag asked that they consider a recommendation from Maureen Frank to form a special committee to work on the Veterans Memorial at the Tuolumne Memorial Hall. He suggested that the committee could meet at the Tuolumne Hall and work on the planning process for this project. No action was taken on Maureen Frank's idea. Frank Smart said the HPRC voted the project down 8 to 0. They had many objections to the memorial being in front of the building but they also had some good ideas. Carl recommended the group incorporate the good ideas into the plan and he could bring to the Board of Supervisors.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 4:00 p.m.

9. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 P.M.